



December 2006 Newsletter

Hope everyone enjoyed the fall semester and is looking forward to Christmas vacation. I know everyone has a lot on their minds with the Holidays approaching, but I wanted to let everyone know that there's been a lot going on with our program since our last newsletter.

September:

Worked a booth at National Hunting and Fishing Days Celebration at Stonewall Jackson Lake Resort State Park on September 23rd and 24th. If you or your students have never attended this event, we would like to invite you to attend next year's event. Plenty of activities for kids of all ages. Archery, shooting, fly-fishing, kids fishing derby, wildlife demonstrations are only a few of the many programs available to the 20,000 in attendance.

Assisted churches in the Kanawha Valley with archery activities.

Assisted the Putnam County Gun Club with their Youth Event.

October:

Assisted youth organization in Dunbar to get their kids involved in archery as an after hours program.

Met with members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to secure the continual funding of our program and federal compliance.

November:

Met with NASP coordinators at the Southeastern Association of Fish and

Wildlife Agencies conference in Norfolk, Virginia to discuss development strategies for the program.

November 28th and 29th... Held training at Chief Logan State Park, where we trained 21 teachers from 14 schools, bringing the total of our program to 177 teachers and 109 schools.

Next Training – January 2007

January 9th and 10th... Hosting our next training at the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind – *cut off date to sign up for this training is December 15th...* This one is almost full, so let us know immediately if you are interested in attending.

Other news

Hiring a Program Coordinator.

Because of the success of this program we're hoping to put someone on staff full-time to oversee the responsibilities associated with this program. Don't worry... Dave McClung and I will continue to provide comic relief at our trainings. However, with our other jobs, we're not able to commit the time needed to coordinate the 114 plus schools. But I appreciate everyone's patience...

Interested in hosting a training?

Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a training. We're pretty flexible to move anywhere in the state... The only thing we ask is that we have a minimum of 15 teachers.

We're working with Shepherd's College in setting up a training on their campus sometime in March, dates have not been determined at this time, but should have something in stone by the first of the year...

As always, additional information and updates on what's going on is available by visiting our website at www.wvdnr.gov or by calling (304) 558-2771 and asking for Scott Warner (scottwarner@wvdnr.gov) or Billie Shearer (billieshearer@wvdnr.gov) ...

TOURNAMENT....

To give everyone the heads up, the 2nd annual State Tournament is tentatively scheduled for **May 19th at the Braxton County Middle School, located in Flatwoods WV.** You can't miss it... The School is located right off the interstate (I-79)... We'll be sending out the official registration forms along with rules after the first of the year. I don't expect too many changes from last year's rules at this time, except to see a few more schools participating... *Again, official notification of the tournament will be going out next month...*

Again, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and please let us know if you need anything...



Elkview Middle School



Braxton County Middle School



Chapmanville Middle School

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